DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state the details of financial assistance granted to the educated unemployed youths in the various districts of the country under Swamjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) and Sampooran Gramin Rozgar Yojana (SGRY) during the last three years, district-wise, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): Swarnajayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) does not specifically target educated unemployed youths. Under this scheme, financial assistance isprovided to Below Poverty Line (BPL) families to enable them to cross the poverty line. Sampooma Gramin Rozgar Yojana (SGRY) is a wage employment scheme under which unskilled manual labourers are offered supplementary employment opportunities on asset creating public works. No financial assistance is provided under SGRY to unemployed educated youths.

Revisions of criteria for Rural Development Fund under E.A.S.

278. SHRI NABAM REBIA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any demand from some States of the NER for revision of criteria for allocation of Rural Development Fund under Employment Assurance Schemes; and

(b) if so, the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) The Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS) was discontinued from 25:09.2001, when the new Sampooma Gramin Rozgar Yojana was launched, hence no demand have been received for revision of allocation criteria from the NER States for EAS.

(b) Does not apply.

Employment opportunities for SCs/STs and weaker section

279. PROF. MM. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) The details of employment opportunities created for the benefits of SCs/STs and weaker sections of the society under different Rozgar schemes and programmes in the different parts of the country; and

(b) The number of SCs/STs and weaker sections of society families benefited from these schemes during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) to (b) Ministry of Rural Development is implementing two major Employment Generation Progammes namely, the Sampooma Grameen Rozgar Yojana (SGRY) a Wage Employment Programme and the Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) a Self Employment Programme in the country. Under SGRY 30% of the employment opportunities are required to be provided for women and minimum 50% of the Village Panchayat allocation (inclusive of foodgrains) is earmarked for the creation of need based village infrastructure in SC/ST habitations. Further 22.5% of the annual allocation (inslusive of foodgrains) both at the level of District and intermediate Panchayats is earmarked for individual/group beneficiary schemes of SC/ST families living below the Poverty Line (BPL). Under SGSY Scheme, special safeguards have been provided to vulnerable sections by way of reserving 50% benefits for SCs/STs, and 40% for women. The number of SCs/STs and women benefited during the last three years for the above mentioned Programmes is given in the statement.